

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

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Dear Mules:

The headline "MULES WIN AGAIN" has been appearing quite frequently in the Allentown papers for the past seven Sundays. Again I can bring you the news of victories Numbers 6 and 7, for the mighty Mules defeated our arch rivals Lehigh by the score of 40-7 and last Saturday they took the Bullets from Gettysburg into camp 13-7. It has been rather exciting around here lately, so I'll start with the Lehigh scrap and bring you up to date.

The week prior to the Lehigh game was a tense one in both schools. Rivalry, dormant during the war years, flared up and "war" was the topic of conversation during the entire week. Monday night some of the 'Berg students posted mimeographed notices all over Lehigh's campus. One of the posters (student, not paper) was apprehended by the campus guards and given an interview by Lehigh's Dean. Tuesday, Lehigh attempted a bit of psychological warfare when they endeavored to drop leaflets over the Muhlenberg campus, but the wind, or the aim of the pilot was bad, because they (the leaflets) never reached their goal. That evening, an "invasion" was staged, but it ended rather disastrously for the Bethlehemites, for the defenders were out in full force and "captured" several of the Lehigh men. Free haircuts, a new paint job, paddling, and other punishments were meted out to the unfortunates. Their troubles were further complicated by the arrest of six of their number by the gendarmes of the Allentown Police Department, after they had burned a large "L" on the soccer field. The six were bailed out (\$27.50 each) by their fellow students. At Police Court the following day, four of them pleaded guilty and were fined ten dollars and costs while the other two forfeited their bail bonds. That same night, three Muhlenberg men were caught at Lehigh and given a free ride way-y-y-y-y-y out in the country.

Wednesday and Thursday were rather quiet, but the students on both campuses were noticeably hollow-eyed in the morning from lack of sleep. The Leans and members of the respective student councils had met on Wednesday and attempted to try to put an end to hostilities, but without too much success. So, "defense" was the order of the day, and that was the reason for somany sleepy Frosh, who had patrolled the campus with baseball bats, hockey sticks, and other implements.

Friday everyone expected trouble but it passed off without any real incidents. Several cars circled the campus frequently during the night but the sight of all the artillery deterred the invaders from action. On Saturday, the crowds were greeted by a large banner hanging over the Press Box at the Lehigh Stadium, "Little Mules - Big Asses". Needless to say, the banner was not in place very long after the game. Some over-ambitious Lehighites stole a large Muhlenberg banner which several 'Berg men were displaying, someone turned a fire hose on the band as they were marching down to the trolley car, but, all in all, no real damage was done, and things rapidly settled back to normal.

So much for the preliminaries. The game itself lived up to all the expectations of fans of both schools, for it was a hard fought game from start to finish. Ten thousand spectators were on their feet almost constantly as the teams battled on almost even terms for the first half, and then saw the Muhlenberg powerhouse really turn on the

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heat for four second half scores. The galloping Mules dealt out the worst licking the Engineers have ever taken from Muhlenberg on the gridiron, the highest previous score recorded by Muhlenberg being the 31-6 triumph of the 1926 season.

Muhlenberg went to work and scored early in the game. On the next kickoff a Lehigh back took the ball and went 88 yards for a touchdown to tie the score 7-7. Crider crossed the Lehigh goal line just before the half closed and Muhlenberg led 13-7.

The second half showed the Muhlenberg powerhouse really asserting itself. Bibighaus scored on a pass from Bell, Crider on another pass, and the last touchdown was scored by Harry Mackin.

The game was marked by excessive penalties on the Muhlenberg team. Muhlenberg was penalized 105 yards during the game. The Evening Chronicle remarked that "the game was spoiled by a couple whistle-tooting officials who were tossing penalties around so frequently that the game was continually interrupted. The way they were blowing down plays and throwing their handkerchiefs around the field, it looked as if they were seeing someone off on a boat."

The Monday after the game was a holiday which was given to the Muhlenberg students when they heeded the admonition of President Tyson to make no effort to steal the goalposts. A full size riot would have resulted had such an attempt been made, for Lehigh students were massed around the poles to resist.

One of the casualties of the game was Muhlenberg's ace tackel, Sisto Averno. Sisto had to be carried off the field and it was feared that he might be seriously injured but it developed that he suffered only a sprained knee. He will be back in action for the Delaware game.

Muhlenberg had 23 first downs to Lehigh's 5, gained 309 yards from scrimmage to Lehigh's 2, and 166 yards from passes to Lehigh's 28.

Muhlenberg played Gettysburg twice in two days during this past weekend. On Friday afternoon the Gettysburg J.V.'s defeated Coach Ernie Fellows' Juniors 13-6 on Muhlenberg's field. The Juniors scored first and held a 6-0 advantage at half-time but Gettysburg came back with two touchdowns to win. The varsity game on Saturday afternoon saw Muhlenberg defeating Gettysburg 13-7. Traditional rivals, Gettysburg always plays heads-up football and this game was no exception. Jack Crider scored the two touchdowns for the Mules, one in the first period on a pass from Bell, and the second late in the fourth quarter when he scampered 84 yards for the winning touchdown. Gettysburg had scored in the second quarter when Ceverino carried over from the one yard line. In this game Muhlenberg had 8 first downs to the Bullets 7, gained 170 yards from scrimmage to Gettysburg's 49.

There has been a good deal of sentiment expressed in the papers recently concerning the transfer of the Muhlenberg-Delaware game on November 23, from Wilmington, Delaware to Shibe Park, Philadelphia. Gurney Afflerbach, Director of Athletics at Muhlenberg, has formally requested this transfer since the students alone are demanding 1000 of the 1300 tickets allowed us. It is Delaware's home game, however, and the final decision will rest in their hands. Shibe Park would accommodate 35,000 people and would be readily accessible to both Delaware and Muhlenberg fans.

Muhlenberg is being considered for a post-season game in the Glass Bowl at Toledo. Seven schools have been asked to indicate whether or not they would be interested in meeting the University of Toledo Rockets in Toledo on December 7. The teams under consideration are: Delaware, Hardin-Simmons of Abilene, Texas, Bates College of Lewiston, Maine, University of Chattanooga, Guilford College of Greensboro, N.C., Univ. of New Hampshire, and Muhlenberg. It will be up to the Athletic Council to accept or reject the invitation.

I keep quoting statistics but actually you can't help it when you have such a fine aggregation as the Mules have fielded this year. Jack Crider is in third place in the Eastern scoring. In 7 games, Jack has scored 11 touchdowns for 66 points. Muhlenberg has won 7 games, scored 222 points to the opponents 64. Only one other team in Pennsylvania has scored more points this season and that is University of Pennsylvania with 232. After the Lehigh game, statisticians determined that Muhlenberg has averaged 16 first downs per game with a total

of 98 for the season against 26 of the opposition. The Mules have completed 50% of their aerial attempts for an average of 20 yards gained on each aerial. They have netted 1714 yards rushing, and 998 yards passing as over against their opponents 254 in rushing, and 357 in passing.

Two soccer games found the Muhlenberg booters beating Lafayette 6-2 in a rough game which found fists flying during the final period and a 1-1 tie with Rutgers. Neither Muhlenberg nor Rutgers was able to break the deadlock in the 30 minutes of overtime play. Coach Charlie Altemose stated that there was a possibility that Charlie Campbell, center half, would make honorable mention in the all-American soccer team. Muhlenberg is still very much in the running for the championship of the North Atlantic Intercollegiate Soccer League and should they beat Stevens Tech. at Hoboken, N.J. tomorrow, there is a good chance that they will clinch the first place position.

The cross country team dropped a meet to Lafayette 17-38. Summer of Muhlenberg finished fifth, running the last three miles with only one shoe. He became disgusted trying to keep his shoe on his foot shortly after the race started and then discarded it entirely.

Coach Clyde "Bud" Barker has started basketball drills for the coming season which opens against Moravian on December 4 in Rockne Hall. Bud, who is using the fast break on offense, and man for man on defense, has twenty candidates out for a team which will play a rigorous schedule. The Mules will meet L.I. Univ. in Madison Square Garden and also will tangle with Temple Univ. at the opener in Convention Hall. Speaking of Temple, Jack Hewson, who starred with Muhlenberg when he was here as a Navy trainee, has been declared ineligible for intercollegiate athletics this season. Some of the more promising candidates for the starting five are Oscar "Red" Baldwin, Harry Donovan, Eddie Donovan, Dick McGee, "Bonnie" Bornheimer, Chuck Theisen, Jim Capehart, Al Jessen, Eddie Schwabb, Jim Russick, Ken Moyer, Hal Roveda, Lizzy Lean, Jim Walden, and Harry Mackin.

Back in its pre-war stride, Muhlenberg's Mask and Dagger Club, under the leadership of director, Andrew E. Erskine, presented a three act comedy, "The Dover Road" in the Little Theatre of the College Science Building, last week. The play got off to a bad start when Ann Kreitz, who had the leading female role, suffered an attack of appendicitis. However, Mrs. Marcia Gallos, wife of a Muhlenberg veteran, and secretary to the Dean of Students, Perry F. Kendig, took over the role with less than a week of rehearsal, and did an excellent job. Harold V. Helfrich, Jr. had the leading male role and was ably supported by Lewis Rossi, Lunice Feight, wife of another G.I. student, Bob Bosch, Gerald Rogers, Ernest Vallander, and Bob Hale.

Mr. John E. Trainer, a member of the Biology Department, has received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Cornell University. Dr. Trainer has been a member of the faculty since 1939 and is widely known as an authoritative ornithologist. Dean Sherwood H. Mercer recently spoke to the Allentown Rotary Club on the program of Muhlenberg College. President Tyson participated in the discussions at a recent meeting of the Penna. Assoc. of Colleges and Universities. Dean Emeritus, Geo. T. Ettinger, who, tho' blind, is still an ardent Muhlenberg supporter, recently observed his 86th birthday.

Because of the enlarged student body, two series of assembly program have been instituted this year. Dean Perry F. Kendig has arranged the programs and such artists as Dr. Polgar, the mental wizard, Kurt Singer, news analyst, Fritz Krueger, Metropolitan star, and other attractions will be presented.

Dean Kendig and his staff have arranged a series of social events for the married veterans and their wives. The first of these was a Halloween party in the Commons at which time the vets polished their knowledge of old-fashioned square dancing.

A graphic demonstration of the capabilities of students and their wives was given last week when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vetter attended one of the New York radio quiz shows. Between them they won a vacuum cleaner, an electric roaster, a \$200 diamond ring, wrist watch, two lounge chairs, 25 silver dollars, an electric tool set, and a bowling ball with bag.

Ever alert to improve existing campus facilities, the Women's Auxilliary has started on a program for installing lamp standards on the campus and flood lights that will illuminate the major buildings. At

the same time, all campus wiring will be placed underground. It is expected that the program will be completed by next Spring.

This past week saw two former commanding officers of Naval training units, which were located on the campus, visiting friends at the college and in the community. Capt. and Mrs. Henry P. Lowenstein came here from their home in Kansas City to visit their son, Henry Jr., now a student at Muhlenberg. Capt. Lowenstein is again associated with the legal department of the Prudential Insurance Company in Kansas City. Lt Comdr. Theodore T. Abel, who headed the last unit on the campus, also visited friends at the College. Comdr. Abel has returned to his post in the Physical Education Department in the Pittsburgh schools.

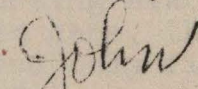
ALBERT J. ROSENWALD V46 has been discharged from the Navy and is back home in Emmitsburg, Maryland. DR. EDWARD F. JUDT '33 has left Camp Beale, Calif. after 25 months in the Army Dental Corps. LT. WILMER H. CRESSMAN '42 is on his way to Coco Solo, Panama to pick up his new ship, the U.S.S. Shelikof. Vil's orders call for him to be the Gunnery and Communications Officer. JACOB J. SCHOFER '44 was inducted into the Army October 1 and is presently at North Camp Folk, La. Jake was discharged from the Navy in November 1945 after three and a half months service. LT. THOMAS G. JENKINS '44 is looking forward to greeting his wife and 9 month old daughter in Salsburg, Austria. The Jenkins will live in Austria for about two years.

At a recent meeting at the Downtown Quarterbacks, PETE GORGONE '4 former Muhlenberg College star, now quarterback with the New York Giants gave the assembled fans the inside story of professional football. Pete told his listeners that "Pro-football is far tougher than the college variety and that the training grind is more intense and stringent". He also revealed that two tackles were each fined \$200 for missing plays and that he was fined \$15 by the Giants for drawing a 15 yard penalty against his team in Boston.

This is the last service letter that Kitty will help to get into production. Yes, she and Art have finally achieved the impossible - - they have an apartment in New York and Kitty will be leaving to cook Art's eggs instead of transcribing my ramblings into neat little hooks and crooks in her shorthand book. She has been a faithful member of the Alumni Office staff for twenty nine months and has done a fine, efficient job. We had quite a time sweating Art home from the Pacific and we lost a little weight getting her New York apartment (ask her how she did it, sometime) but I do hate to see her go. I know that she has enjoyed getting out these letters to you just as we have enjoyed having her on the staff. Good luck, Kitty and Art.

It has been a long time since the first of these letters went into the mail in 1943, and this has been a long letter so - - So long for this time, and let me hear from you soon, won't you?

As ever,



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